

Coin Board News

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No new price list this time --- I'm too busy with other things. Family obligations, as well as the ANA Convention in Baltimore and the pre-show the week before, will occupy a lot of my time and attention this summer. During the ANA event I'll be presenting a slide show on collecting coin boards as part of its Numismatic Theater series on Thursday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. As usual, this will include a free drawing in which three persons will each win a vintage coin board. A new attraction at the ANA convention is the "Collector's Corner" in which I'll have my board book for sale and signing and will display a selection of old coin boards from a variety of publishers. My tentative time slot for the Collector's Corner is Friday, August 1 at 2:00 pm, but this is still subject to change. Be certain to check your convention program.

Since the last newsletter there have been two new coin board discoveries. The first is a Whitman board for Mercury Dimes printed in 1939. An example from Whitman's Second Edition of boards having flocked surfaces, what the company called "suede" finish, this board has a distinctive feature. All previously known examples of this board have the word COLLECTION in smaller print than the main title MERCURY HEAD DIMES. What makes this newly discovered board unique is that the word COLLECTION is printed in letters the same size as in the main title. This makes it graphically identical to the Third Edition Whitman boards for Mercury Dimes, all of which lack the flocked finish of Second Edition boards. It is thus transitional between the two editions and unlisted in my book. I've assigned a catalog number of W10¢D2h, and owners of my book should update their copies.

The other new discovery is a variety of Whitman board for which I reserved a catalog number on the assumption that it might one day surface. Dating to 1939-40, this board is a Third Edition entry for two-cent and nickel three-cent pieces, a title previously confirmed only in the Second Edition. Whitman boards of the Third Edition are known with either clothlike or leatherette textures to their face paper, and this new discovery has the latter. It is thus catalog number W2¢A3b, already listed in the book as a reserved number. Collectors may now check off this item as confirmed.

Both of these boards were among the 142 pieces I purchased from a longtime supply dealer during the Central States Convention at Rosemont, Illinois. A few were set aside for my own collection, as they were either upgrades or featured newly-found vendor stamps. The remainder are all cataloged, graded and packaged for sale. Some of the best items have already been placed with collectors who had want lists on file. These included two examples of the rare Whitman board for Peace Dollars and a Near Mint pair of the even rarer two-piece set for Liberty Seated Dimes. Those that remain will appear on my next price list, which I expect to put together after the ANA Convention.

Internet sales of coin boards have been few and far between during the past two-three months. Those boards that have been offered were mostly of poor quality or included partial sets of coins. It's difficult to judge the results of sales that include coins, though it seems that these boards are often of less than stellar quality, too. One unmistakable trend is that no truly rare boards are turning up on the Internet. As with coins, the most common boards always seem to be available, while the rarities only get more so in time.

That's what's new in the world of coin board collecting. I'll put out a new sales list in a few weeks. In the meantime, my book *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog & Value Guide*, remains available for purchase at the address below. Please visit my website, too.

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TWO CENT



COLLECTION 1864 TO 1873



1864
SMALL MOTTO
19.8 MILLION BOTH KINDS



1865
LARGE MOTTO



1865
13.6 MILLION



1866
2.2 MILLION



1867
2.9 MILLION



1868
2.8 MILLION



1869
1.5 MILLION



1870
251 THOUSAND



1871
721 THOUSAND



1872
45 THOUSAND



1873
PROOFS ONLY



NICKEL THREE CENT



COLLECTION 1865 TO 1889



1865
11.4 MILLION



1866
4.8 MILLION



1867
3.9 MILLION



1868
3.3 MILLION



1869
1.6 MILLION



1870
1.3 MILLION



1871
604 THOUSAND



1872
862 THOUSAND



1873
1.2 MILLION



1874
790 THOUSAND



1875
228 THOUSAND



1876
162 THOUSAND



1877
PROOFS ONLY



1878
2.4 THOUSAND



1879
41.2 THOUSAND



1880
75 THOUSAND



1881
1.1 MILLION



1882
26.3 THOUSAND



1883
10.6 THOUSAND



1884
5.6 THOUSAND



1885
4.8 THOUSAND



1886
4.3 THOUSAND



1887
7 OVER 6



1887
PERFECT DATE
8 THOUSAND BOTH KINDS



1888
41.1 THOUSAND



1889
21.6 THOUSAND

MERCURY HEAD DIME COLLECTION

STARTING 1916

1916 25.2 MILLION	1916-S 12.5 MILLION	1916-D 124 THOUSAND	1917 88.2 MILLION	1917-S 22.3 MILLION	1917-D 9.1 MILLION	1918 24.7 MILLION	1918-S 18.5 MILLION
1918-D 25.2 MILLION	1919 55.7 MILLION	1919-S 8.3 MILLION	1919-D 9.5 MILLION	1920 83 MILLION	1920-S 43.8 MILLION	1920-D 14.2 MILLION	1921 4.2 MILLION
1921-D 21 MILLION	1922 34.1 MILLION	1922-S 6.4 MILLION	1923 31 MILLION	1923-S 21 MILLION	1923-D 5.8 MILLION	1924 25.1 MILLION	1924-S 5.9 MILLION
1924-D 31 MILLION	1925 32.5 MILLION	1925-S 1.5 MILLION	1925-D 6.9 MILLION	1927 25.1 MILLION	1927-S 4.8 MILLION	1927-D 4.8 MILLION	1928 10.0 MILLION
1928-S 7.4 MILLION	1929-D 4.2 MILLION	1929 25 MILLION	1929-S 5.2 MILLION	1929-D 5 MILLION	1930 6.8 MILLION	1930-S 1.8 MILLION	1931 3.2 MILLION
1931-S 13 MILLION	1931-D 1.5 MILLION	1931 24.3 MILLION	1934-D 6.8 MILLION	1935 58.8 MILLION	1935-S 18.5 MILLION	1935-D 10.3 MILLION	1936 87.0 MILLION
1936-S 9.799 MILLION	1936-D 16.1 MILLION	1937 22.3 MILLION	1937-S 9.7 MILLION	1937-D 14.1 MILLION	1938 22.2 MILLION	1938-S 5.1 MILLION	1938-D 5.8 MILLION
1939 7.5	1939-S 14.5	1939-D 19.5	1940 19.0	1940-S 19.0	1940-D 19.0		